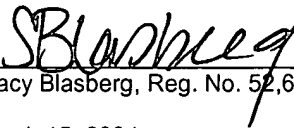
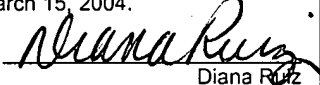


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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application, including: 1. Appointment of Associate Attorney/Agent Under 37 C.F.R. §1.34(b) (1 pg.); 2. Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 (9 pgs.); and 3. Return-Receipt Postcard.						
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2003, rejecting claims 49, 50 and 52-58. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability of the subject matter of claim 51. Applicant respectfully submits that the following Amendment and Remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Claims 49, 50 and 52-58 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 50 and 52-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claims 49-58 are objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Claims 49-50 and 52-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as not enabling any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. Claims 49 and 55-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Banuelos et. al (Journal of Environmental Quality, 1993, vol. 22, no. 4, pp. 786-792(W)).

Claims 49, and 51-58 have been amended. Claim 50 has been cancelled. Further, new claims 59-62 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims are fully supported by the specification and figures, and, therefore, no new matter is being added.

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendments and consideration of the following Remarks.